

April 24

In the morning, the President traveled to Wentworth, SD. In the afternoon, he traveled to Sioux Falls, SD. In the evening, he traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The President announced his intention to designate John L. Howard as Federal Environmental Executive of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The President announced his appointment of Mark A. Carter, John G. Cruz, and Grace Flores-Hughes as members of the Federal Service Impasses Panel.

The President announced his intention to appoint John Paul Hammerschmidt as a member of the President's Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery for our Nation's Veterans and, upon appointment, to designate him Cochair.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Board of Directors of the Federal Prison Industries, Inc.: Audrey J. Roberts (retailers/consumer representative), Kenneth Rocks (labor representative), Donald R. Elliot (industry representative), Diane K. Morales (defense representative), and David D. Spears (agriculture representative).

April 25

The President announced his intention to nominate James Franklin Jeffrey to be Ambassador to Albania.

The President announced his intention to nominate Roel C. Campos and Harvey Jerome Goldschmid to be Commissioners of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

April 26

In the morning, from the Bush Ranch, the President had a telephone conversation with President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo of the Philippines to express his condolences concerning recent terrorist attacks in the Philippines. Later, he had a teleconference with economic advisers.

In the afternoon, the President attended a Republican National Committee luncheon at a neighboring ranch in Crawford.

**Nominations
Submitted to the Senate**

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted April 22

Michael F. Duffy,
of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of 6 years expiring August 30, 2006, vice James Charles Riley.

Carol C. Gambill,
of Tennessee, to be a member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term of 3 years (new position).

James Knoll Gardner,
of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, vice Jan E. DuBois, retired.

Thomas Forrest Hall,
of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, vice Deborah Roche Lee, resigned.

G. Wayne Pike,
of Virginia, to be U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Virginia for the term of 4 years, vice Larry Reed Mattox, term expired.

Mark G. Yudof,
of Minnesota, to be a member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term of 2 years (new position).

Submitted April 25

James Franklin Jeffrey,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Albania.

Richard M. Russell,
of Virginia, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, vice Arthur Bienenstock.

Mark Sullivan, of Maryland, to be U.S. Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, vice Karen Shepherd, resigned.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released April 22

Fact sheet: President Bush Calls for Conservation and Stewardship on Earth Day

Announcement of the citations for the National Medal of Arts and National Humanities Medal honorees

Announcement of nomination of U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Released April 23

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Transcript of remarks to the press by Counselor to the President Karen Hughes announcing her resignation

Released April 24

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer and Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman

Released April 26

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Acts Approved by the President

NOTE: No acts approved by the President were received by the Office of the Federal Register during the period covered by this issue.